

Amendment to the Claims

1.(Currently Amended) A tablet packing apparatus, the apparatus comprising:

 a plurality of feeder vessels (36) containing the tablets;

 a plurality of ~~mounting~~ ~~motor~~ bases (32) ~~mounted on which respective~~ ~~said~~ feeder vessels (36) ~~are mounted, respectively;~~

 a tablet reserving member (200) disposed below ~~at least one of the~~ ~~mounting~~ ~~motor~~ ~~base~~ (32), the tablet reserving member (200) reserving the tablets fed from ~~the~~ ~~respective~~ ~~feeder~~ ~~vessel~~ vessels (36); and

 a shutter (203, 300) which is movable to open and close ~~the~~ ~~a~~ lower opening of the tablet reserving member (200), whereby when setting ~~the~~ ~~a~~ tablet vessel (11) beneath the tablet reserving member (200) and moving the shutter (203, 300) to open the lower opening of the tablet reserving member (200), the tablets contained in the tablet reserving member (200) are fed into the tablet vessel (11), the apparatus further comprising:

 a LED (201) which is turned on when the tablets are fed to the tablet reserving member (200); and

 a sensor (206, 301a, 301b) for detecting an opening operation or a closing operation of the shutter (203);

whereby wherein when the sensor (206, 301a, 301b) detects the opening operation of the shutter (203, 300), the LED (201) is turned off.

2. (Currently Amended) The tablet packing apparatus as in claim 1, wherein after the

tablets are discharged in the tablet reserving member (200) and the LED (201) is turned on, the tablets can not be fed from the ~~mounting motor base~~ (32) unless the opened condition and subsequent closed condition of the shutter (203, 300) is detected by the sensor (206, 301a, 301b).

3. (Currently Amended) A tablet packing apparatus, the apparatus comprising:

- a plurality of feeder vessels (36) containing the tablets;
- a plurality of ~~mounting motor bases~~ (32) mounted on which respective said feeder vessels (36) are mounted, respectively;
- a tablet reserving member (200) disposed below at least one of the mounting motor base (32) bases, the tablet reserving member (200) reserving the tablets fed from the respective feeder vessels (36) vessel; and
- a shutter (203, 300) which is movable to open and close the lower opening of the tablet reserving member (200), whereby such that, when setting the tablet vessel (11) beneath the tablet reserving member (200) and moving the shutter (203, 300) to open the a lower opening of the tablet reserving member (200), the tablets contained in the tablet reserving member (200) are fed into the tablet vessel (11);
wherein a sensor for detecting an opening operation or a closing operation of the shutter is provided; and
wherein after the tablets are discharged in the tablet reserving member (200), the tablets can not be fed from the mounting base (32) unless the opened condition and subsequent closed condition of the shutter (203, 300) is detected by the sensor (206, 301a,

301b).

4. (Currently Amended) The tablet packing apparatus as in claim 1, wherein the shutter (203, 300) is urged so as to close the lower opening of the tablet reserving member (200), whereby when engaging the tablet vessel (11) with the shutter (203, 300) to push the shutter (203, 300) against an urged force, the lower opening of the tablet reserving member (200) is opened.

5. (Currently Amended) The tablet packing apparatus as in claim 4, wherein the shutter (203, 300) is formed with an arc-like cutout portion (204, 302) with which the tablet vessel (11) engages.

6. (Currently Amended) The tablet packing apparatus as in claim 2, wherein the shutter (203, 300) is urged so as to close the lower opening of the tablet reserving member (200), whereby when engaging the tablet vessel (11) with the shutter (203, 300) to push the shutter (203, 300) against an urged force, the lower opening of the tablet reserving member (200) is opened.

7. (Currently Amended) The tablet packing apparatus as in claim 3, wherein the shutter (203, 300) is urged so as to close the lower opening of the tablet reserving member (200), whereby when engaging the tablet vessel (11) with the shutter (203, 300) to push the shutter (203, 300) against an urged force, the lower opening of the tablet reserving

member (200) is opened.